

lions acts which certain more tangible evidence to him. A secret session of the council was held, lasting three-quarters of an hour.

A Man Killed by a Mouser.
An extraordinary occurrence was brought to us at an inquest held on the body of a man in such London. In a work-room where many girls were at work, a small mouse suddenly appeared on a table, causing general consternation. The intruder was seized, however, and the mouse was found to be a young man who happened to be present. A young man who happened to be present, and who had a hold of his hand, and was biting up his sleeve, came out before his master and shirt at the neck. The unfortunate man had his mouth over, and the mouse was unable to get out. The mouse, however, had got a convenient place of concealment, and he was safe, and he in truth and surprise, swallowed it. That a man can exist for a considerable time without a single breath of air has long been a popular belief, and was tested in this instance, for the mouse happened to take the breath of the man, and the unfortunate fellow died after a little time in such a state. Several witnesses attested the above facts, and medical testimony as to the cause of death having been given, a verdict of "accidental death" was rendered.

DEATHS.

MARCH 19, of consumption, Annie L. L. died at 12 years and 3 months. Mrs. Cornelia Whitlock Hatch, widow of the residence, 119 Washington-st., Madison. In this city, Feb. 19, of diabetes, Ralph George V. and Samantha S. Drake, aged 4 years. Funeral at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, from the residence of family, 211 South Peoria-st. Burial at West-Side Cemetery, Sunday, Feb. 20, Frances Isabel, youngest child of John J. and Frances V. West, aged 2 years and 9 months.

PERIMER.—The funeral of Henry O. Perimer will be a short one, and will be held at the residence of his son, George V. and Samantha S. Drake, aged 4 years. Funeral at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, from the residence of family, 211 South Peoria-st. Burial at West-Side Cemetery, Sunday, Feb. 20, Frances Isabel, youngest child of John J. and Frances V. West, aged 2 years and 9 months.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, NO. 43, R. A. T. Meets at 7:30 o'clock. General Convocation on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Work on Past and M. E. H. P. G. W. B. WRIGHT, Secretary.

The Chicago Tribune.
Tuesday Morning, February 22, 1876.

Greenbacks at the New York Gold Exchange closed at \$77.

Colder and clearing weather is the meteorological programme for this region to-day.

Chicago is full of politicians and candidates from the State at large, who are here in attendance upon the meeting to-day of the Republican State Central Committee. What these gentlemen think about matters and things political in Illinois will be found set forth at some length in our local column.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by both Houses of Congress, the President has, by proclamation, ordered that this, the anniversary of the birth of General Washington, be honored and observed by an entire suspension of business in all the Executive Departments of the Government.

Resolutions and petitions relative to the ordering of an election of Mayor at the general election for city officers to be held April 18 were presented in the Common Council last evening and referred to the Judiciary Committee. Prompt action by that Committee and a report at the earliest possible day are imperatively required by the people of Chicago.

Senator SHANON, of Nevada, being on his way to Washington, was intercepted by a TRIBUNE interviewer yesterday, to whom he expressed quite freely his notions of the political situation, the canvass for the Presidency, the financial outlook on the Pacific Slope, and other topics of interest. Perhaps the most interesting thing Senator SHANON had to say was about the Comstock Lode, of which he is the chief owner, and which is expected to yield up about \$40,000,000 of silver this year.

The French Republicans, in the elections for Deputies to the Assembly under the new Constitution, have succeeded far beyond their expectations. Not only have they carried in the large cities, but in several of the remote provinces, where heretofore the Bonapartists and Legitimists have divided the honors, Radical candidates have been returned. BUNNETT, present Minister of the Interior, who tried his fortunes in four ardent dissections, was defeated in every instance. PAUL CASSAGNAC, the editor-duelist, is returned to the Department of Gers.

The Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Quebec has been exceedingly annoyed by the performances of the Rev. Father CONNOR, a priest of the Romish Church, who claims and has freely exercised the right to visit the Protestant schools and address the children on religious subjects, his example being that of the children in the national schools, and has addressed to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec a formal protest against such proceedings by the Jesuit priests.

In regard to the resolution adopted in the House yesterday calling upon Attorney-General PIZZERONI to explain the letter which he wrote recently to District-Attorney DYER concerning the construction of the confessed and convicted whisky thieves, it is proper to say that Mr. PIZZERONI has already in private repudiated the construction which was generally placed upon it. He holds that the letter was not intended to convey the purpose of granting no favor to those who have furnished the evidences of guilt, and his ruling sustaining the Government's counsel in Chicago seems to confirm this view of the matter. It is probable, therefore, that Mr. PIZZERONI's explanation will be to point out that his letter was misconstrued by a portion of the public in ignorance of the circumstances that led to its promulgation.

The Brooklyn Eagle, a newspaper which is supposed to enjoy unusual facilities for getting the "bottom facts" in relation to the conclusions reached by the Advisory Council, is authority for the statement that Plymouth Church will be sustained and its course endorsed by the Council in all the points specified in the letter-misive. It is understood that such will be the recommendations of the various Committees, though minority reports are expected, and a lively discussion in the Council is looked for. FRANK MOUNTAIN has addressed to the Moderator a characteristic letter, in which, premising from the frequent opportunities afforded Mr. BEECHER for the asseveration of his innocence that the Advisory Council intends to pass upon that question, Mr. MOULTRON announces his readiness to appear and offer conclusive proof of Mr. BEECHER's guilt. At last accounts the letter had not emerged from Dr. BACON's pocket, and it may never see the light in the

Chicago produce markets were generally easier yesterday. Mopk pork was most active and 12@15c per lb lower, closing strong at \$21.40 for March and \$21.67 for April. Lard was less active, and declined 20c per 100 lbs, closing firmer at \$12.77c cash and \$12.97c@13.00 for April. Meats were in fair

demand and easier, closing at 8c for boxed shoulders, 11c for do short ribs, and 12c for do short clears. Highbrowines were in fair request and unchanged, at \$1.06 per gallon. Flour was dull and steady. Wheat was more active, and declined 1c, but closed firmer, at \$1.03c cash and \$1.00c for March. Corn was moderately active and easier, closing at 42c cash and 42c for March. Oats were quiet and firm, closing at 32c cash and 32c for March. Rye was dull, at 66c@67c. Barley was more active and 2@3c lower, closing at 60c for February and 60c for March. Hogs were active and firm, with the bulk of the sales at \$8.00@8.20. Cattle were inactive and weak. Sheep sold fairly at \$4.00@5.75. One hundred dollars in gold would buy \$114 in greenbacks at the close.

This is no time for sentimental legislation nor sentimental taxation. The suspension indefinitely of the sinking fund would reduce the annual interest on the public debt \$10,000,000. It would reduce the appropriation for the public debt \$22,000,000, and thus reduce the annual expenditure some \$30,000,000. We have shown that the payments on the principal of the public debt are far in excess of the contract. With a reduction of \$30,000,000 in expenditure on this account and as much more on other accounts, taxation can be greatly and beneficially reduced. This sixty millions of gold taxes, if left in the hands of the people, will be far more productive than when absorbed in the purchase of bonds not due. It would be the much of the people's earnings left with them to be employed in various forms of production. All experience has shown that, where taxation is reduced to the minimum of expenditure, public prosperity is promoted and the revenue improved and not impaired by that policy. The sinking fund, with its annual grinding tax of \$30,000,000 in gold, is a purely sentimental expenditure, which we trust this Congress will not hesitate to suspend indefinitely.

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